CALL FOR PAPERS

Chinese Economists Society 2020 North America Conference
March 26-28, 2020
Cambridge, MA, USA

The Chinese Economists Society (CES) calls for abstract submissions for its 2020 North America Conference, to be held at the China Future City Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), in Cambridge, MA, on March 26-28 (Thursday - Saturday), 2020. The theme of the conference is “Understanding the Spatial Economy: Cities, Regions and Trade.”

The conference includes a data training session, invited keynote speeches, roundtable forums, and parallel sessions. Arrival and registration of participants will start on March 26. On the afternoon of March 26, there will be a data training session consisting of short lectures on workflow management, GIS techniques, satellite data, and restricted-access census data, free to all registered conference participants. All keynote speeches and parallel sessions will be scheduled on March 27 and 28. Confirmed keynote speakers include:

Dave Donaldson, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, MIT. Winner of the 2017 John Bates Clark Medal.

Edward Glaeser, Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Harvard University.

Yang Yao, Dean and Professor, National School of Development (NSD), Peking University.

PAPER SUBMISSIONS

CES invites both members and non-members to submit papers and/or to propose organized sessions at the 2020 CES North America Conference. All fields of specialization within economics will be considered, although papers with close relevance to the theme or the Chinese economy will be given preference. The abstract submission deadline is December 31, 2019. Persons interested in presenting a paper at the conference need to submit an abstract of no more than 300 words with title, author name(s), JEL code(s), and keywords via the CES website at http://www.china-ces.org/Conferences/NewAbstract.aspx?ID=2050. Submitters will be notified via e-mail by January 25, 2020 as to whether your abstract is accepted for presentation.

If you would like to organize one or more sessions on a specific topic and have speakers/presenters lined up, please submit your proposal to Prof. Junfu Zhang, CES President, for approval at juzhang@clarku.edu by December 15, 2019. Each organized session should consist of four papers. A proposal should contain a tentative name of the session, titles of papers along with their abstracts, and names of presenters with their e-mails. Please note that papers included in a session must still go through the regular paper submission process through the CES website in order to be included in the program.
**Important Dates**

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<td>December 15, 2019</td>
<td>Organized session proposal submission deadline (submit proposals to <a href="mailto:juzhang@clarku.edu">juzhang@clarku.edu</a>)</td>
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**PUBLICATIONS**

The CES will select a group of high-quality papers presented at the conference for special issues of *China Economic Review* and *Growth and Change: A Journal of Urban and Regional Policy*. Papers submitted for consideration of the special issue still need to go through the regular review process. Details about these publication opportunities will be provided later.

**GREGORY CHOW BEST PAPER AWARD**

We will select an outstanding paper presented at the 2020 CES North America Conference for the Gregory Chow Best Paper Award. To be eligible for consideration for this prestigious award, the primary author of the paper must be a graduate student or a junior scholar who received his/her PhD no earlier than April 2015. (According to the American Psychological Association, the primary author “assumes responsibility for the publication, making sure that the data are accurate, that all deserving authors have been credited, that all authors have given their approval to the final draft; and handles responses to inquiries after the manuscript is published.”) The award winner will receive a certificate and a US$1,000 prize. Persons interested in being considered for the Award must provide information confirming eligibility at the time of submission. Graduate students’ electronic submissions should be followed up by a letter on official university stationary from a professor certifying that the submitter is a graduate student in good standing. An electronic version of this letter should be signed by the professor and emailed to Prof. Yingyao Hu at yhu@jhu.edu by February 29, 2020.

**TRAVEL SUPPORT**

A limited travel subsidy of up to $500 per person is available to presenting authors who are students or junior faculty (received doctoral degree in April 2015 or later). Recipients of the travel fund must be current CES members and preference will be given to newer members. Applicants for the travel subsidy should email Prof. Junfu Zhang at juzhang@clarku.edu by February 15, 2020, indicating their interest and providing appropriate documentations (for students, information of current institution and degree program and a photocopy of student ID; for junior faculty, a current CV and a photocopy of degree certificate). Decisions will be sent to applicants by March 2, 2020.

**REGISTRATION**

All presenters and conference attendees must register for the Conference. Registration should be made online through the conference page at www.china-ces.org under “Conferences”. ALL
PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER BY MARCH 8 TO BE INCLUDED INTO THE FINAL PROGRAM. You can join the CES and become a member here: [http://www.china-ces.org/AboutCES/Default.aspx?title=Join%20CES](http://www.china-ces.org/AboutCES/Default.aspx?title=Join%20CES). Regular membership is $40 per year while student membership is $15 per year.

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**LODGING AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

Hotel information will be coming soon.

The MIT campus is only 5 miles away from the Boston Logan International Airport. Best ways to get to MIT campus from the airport are:

By taxi - Taxi fare from the airport is about $35–$40. The taxi ride will take about 15 minutes during non-rush hours and 30 minutes or more during rush hours.

By subway - From any terminal at Logan Airport, take the Silver Line bus to South Station, change to the Red Line subway to Kendall/MIT (inbound toward Alewife). Under normal conditions the ride will take about 30 minutes and the fare is $2.00 (Charlie Card) or $2.50 (cash).

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Inquiries should be sent to:
For academic matters and travel support: Prof. Junfu Zhang at juzhang@clarku.edu.
For general inquiries: Prof. Ben Zou at benzou@msu.edu.